

# Senate District J Senator

## Forrest Dunbar, Registered Democrat



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**AGE:** 38

**OCCUPATION:** Army Guard Officer/  
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**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** Lifelong

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Eagle, Cordova, Anchorage

**EDUCATION:**  
Cordova High School, American University, Harvard  
Kennedy School, Yale Law School

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
Army National Guard - Major

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Third term on the Anchorage Assembly, two-time Chair;  
formerly Vice President of Scenic Foothills Community  
Council, Attorney at Office of Public Advocacy,  
Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Kazakhstan),  
Wildland Firefighter with Northstars

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Formerly Attorney at Chugach Government Solutions;

briefly Stael Rives LLP, before full-time military  
service; commercial fisherman, canneries, Fred Meyer  
employee in my youth.

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Board member at Anchorage Park Foundation,  
founding board member of Muldoon Farmers Market;  
former intern at Alaska Legal Services; Congregation  
Beth Shalom.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Basketball, Football, using our beautiful trails, reading,  
film, podcasts, fishing.

**OTHER:**  
I grew up in Rural Alaska, but eagerly came to  
Anchorage for judo, basketball, and many other  
reasons. I settled here after school, passed the Bar  
Exam, purchased my home, and built my life. I love  
serving this community.

**STATEMENT:**  
It's been an honor to serve on the Anchorage  
Assembly, and I'm running to continue that work in  
the Alaska Legislature. As long as the State fails  
to address challenges and passes costs to local  
governments, our ability to make Anchorage safer and  
more prosperous is hamstrung. The State has left a  
tragic shortage of behavioral health services, and we  
see the consequence on our streets. For years the  
State pushed their share of school bond debt back to  
districts and onto Anchorage taxpayers. After years  
of arguing in Juneau, we still don't have predictable  
dividends, or sustainable funding for schools and  
infrastructure.

But we have a real opportunity to create a bipartisan  
coalition in the Alaska Senate that's committed to solving  
these problems. I am determined to see that happen.

Together, we can invest in affordable housing, childcare,  
and our universities. We can harness new federal  
funding to improve transportation, including pedestrian  
and bicycle infrastructure, advance renewable energy,  
and improve broadband and outdoor infrastructure.  
We can join our tribal partners to tackle challenges  
and promote cultural tourism to increase new visitors.  
We can reduce the unacceptable rates of child abuse,  
substance misuse, and sexual violence in Alaska,  
prevention efforts I helped fund on the Assembly. And  
we can protect healthcare and abortion access.

Anchorage and Alaska as a whole are great places  
to live, but they can be even better: more affordable,  
safer, thriving, and with the kind of well-paying jobs we  
need for this and future generations.

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